

# THE SHOFAR

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**FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES – 8 PM**

**SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES – 9:30 AM**

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**“Pearls of Wisdom”**

**Rabbi Pinchas Pearl**



## **Our Rabbi writes....**

June is a quiet month on the Jewish calendar. Between the beauty of Shavuot and the somber observances of the Three Weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av, the month of June does not offer any special observances or historical events.

However, a date that remains personally important to me is June 6, D-Day. This was the day that Allied forces began landing on the coast of France in the battle to liberate Occupied Europe from Nazi terror. It is personally important to me as my father was a soldier in the early waves of American soldiers landing on Omaha Beach. More than 80% of his unit was killed in a day of bloody

fighting. D-Day led to the defeat of Hitler and the downfall of the Nazis, but it was a victory paid for dearly in American and Allied blood.

Anne Frank, in her diary of the two years she and her family hid in a cramped attic from arrest and deportation, upon hearing the BBC announce the invasion, wrote:

Will this year bring victory? We don't know yet. Where there is hope, there is life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again....The best part of the invasion is that I feel that friends are on the way.

Judaism teaches us that hope is the source of courage and strength. Jews have, again and again in our long history, been confronted with hatred, with enemies bent on our extermination, with murderous attack. While the Holocaust was the most extreme outburst of hatred, this type of hatred has stalked us throughout our history. When enemies look upon us with hatred, we look to G-d to protect us.

The courage of D-Day, and the unwavering faith of Jews like Anne Frank, confronted with evil, are examples of how we have survived and surmounted those who would destroy us. In this quiet month, renew your faith and hope in the endurance of our faith and people.

**If you're missing Rabbi Pearl's weekly Friday night sermon, you're missing (1) his opening joke; (2) his discussion of how the week's Torah reading is relevant to our lives today; (3) his inspirational blessing; and (4) our lively discussions & delicious treats at the Oneg. Services are one hour; congregation participation is welcome & rewarding.**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
KEVIN BROSNIK**



As the warm weather settles in, I want to wish each of you a wonderful, happy, and safe summer. This season offers a welcome change of pace, and I hope you find time to relax,

recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. I also wish you all a joyful 4th of July weekend filled with celebration and community.

While we enjoy the summer months, we are also looking ahead and preparing for an inspiring lineup of special gatherings and holidays this fall. As part of our commitment to keeping our spiritual home vibrant, we are continuing to make improvements to the synagogue both inside and out. These physical enhancements ensure our building remains a welcoming, safe, and beautiful space for everyone.

Our shul relies heavily on your presence to maintain the warmth and continuity of our traditions. Please continue to support the shul by attending our weekly Shabbat services. We especially need your presence on Friday nights and Saturday mornings to help us make a minyan, read Torah, and pray together as one family.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication, generosity, and commitment to Congregation B'nai Israel.

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## SISTERHOOD UPDATE

SANDY LEVY

President

It's hard to believe that June is on our doorstep. The weather has certainly been waffling. We've had a couple of actual spring days, hot summer- like days and cold days. I believe the weather will settle down and the heat will be here before long to stay with us throughout the summer months.

Our sisterhood meeting was on May 6. Our shoppers for the month are Janice, Michelle, Sandy, our Shavuot dinner planners, Janice, Laurie, Susan (and helpers)and Rita Hauser. If I've missed anyone, sorry.

We had our book club meeting, led by Laurie Raps. Our next book chosen is "The Punk Rock Queen of the Jews by Rossi."

As mentioned in last month's column, we are looking into having a honey project for the New Year. We have additional information to share at our next meeting on June 2.

Hopefully, the summer will be a good one for us all, providing a respite from the earlier harsher months we've endured. Good health for all of our CBI members, families and friends. Whether you're traveling, going to the beach or simply relaxing around your home please remember we are here and we welcome you always.

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### Friday Night Candle Lighting

June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:04 pm

June 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:08 pm

June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:11 pm

June 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:12pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**On Your Mark, 129 Clinton Avenue**

**Free Multi-Cultural Food Festival**

**Sponsored by SI Hate Crimes Task Force & Richmond County DA**

**S.I. Ferryhawks Jewish Heritage Night**

**Thursday June 11, 2026 @ 4pm**

**SIUH Community Park**

**75 Richmond Terrace**

**Sunday Afternoon at the Movies**

**Ice Cream Treats**

**CBI**

**45 Twombly Avenue**

**Watch for emails announcing date & times**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**



**Family News:**



**Betty Jensen tells us that on April 30th, her daughter, Sandra, and husband, Jeremy Weiss, welcomed a new baby boy, Samuel Asher. Big sister Aria and big brother Jaden are very proud.**

**Rita Hauser's son Mitch & granddaughter Sophie joined us at our Friday night services & oneg on May 29<sup>th</sup>.**



***Congrats to the grads!***

**Jeremy Brosnick graduated *summa cum laude* from Pace University after completing his master's degree in education with a concentration in literacy. Proud Brosnick family (parents Kevin & Michelle, brother Lee, grandmothers Lillian & Sandy Levy.**

**Mazel Tov Jason Schwartz upon your graduation from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Grandfather Harris Schwartz is so proud of your achievements.**

**Dr. Erica Abidor graduated from her Residency Program at SIUH this week and will start her fellowship in endocrinology in Stony Brook, Long Island in July. Parents Milla & Joel along with brother & sister-in-law Sam & Sarah couldn't be happier!**

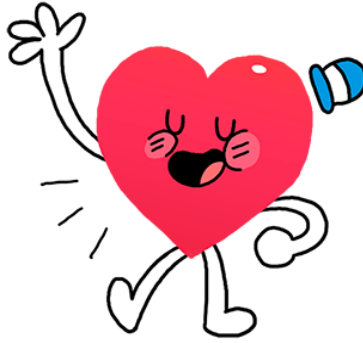
## **Celebrations in June**



**Happy Anniversary to Dr. Gary & Maxine Spierer on June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Recovering with our Prayers**

**Lillian Brosnick continues her rehab at Carmel Richmond  
Harris Schwartz is doing well after recent surgery**



**Our congregation commemorated Shavuot with services and a dairy dinner on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**Rev. Arthur Mastrolia, Pastor at St. Clare's Catholic Church in Great Kills, who was our guest speaker, gave an interesting talk on the continuing relevancy of the Ten Commandments.**



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## *Many Thanks for Your Generous Donations*

**Al & Sophia Cohen in memory of Edith Cohen**

**Richie & Susan Finkelstein in honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**Rita Hauser in memory of Jacob Epstein**

**Ilene & Charlie Greinsky in memory of Miriam Erdman, Jacob Greinsky  
& Lawrence Sandick**

**Betty Jensen in memory of Richard A. Jensen and Gitel Klainminc**

**Dagmar and Otto Katz in memory of Irena & Alexander Ferencik & Eli Katz**

**Ilya Miretskiy**

**Janice Rappaport for sponsoring an oneg and kiddush in honor of her birthday**

**Special thanks to Charlie Greinsky for dry cleaning the tapestry that hangs in the rear of the social hall. The tapestry is hand embroidered with the names of children who attended the CBI Hebrew School in the 1950s. It is a unique part of our congregational history. Charlie arranged for the cleaning in honor of his recent birthday.**

*thank you!*

## Yahrzeits for June 2026

<b>Hebrew Date/ 2026 Date*</b>	<b>Yahrzeit of</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Relationship to Member</b>
16 Sivan June 1	Anna Ganzman	Joel Ganzman	Mother
16 Sivan June 1	Sidney Smith	Norman Smith	Father
21 Sivan June 6	Alen Perner	Shelley Harwayne	Beloved relative
25 Sivan June 10	Beverly Rappaport	Janice Rappaport	Mother-in-law
27 Sivan June 12	Lucille Rosenbach	Janet Rocco	Mother
30 Sivan June 15	Gertrude Gordon	Gary Gordon	Mother
1 Tammuz June 16	Alfred Rappaport	Janice Rappaport	Father-in-law
2 Tammuz June 17	Evelyn Gruschka	Norman Smith	Mother-in-law
2 Tammuz June 17	Jennie Poris	Steven Poris	Mother
3 Tammuz June 18	Charles Landwehr	Eleanor Dovdavany	Father
3 Tammuz June 18	Mendel Mayzlin	Mira Mayzlin	Husband
6 Tammuz June 21	Hyman Hoffnung	Harris Schwartz	Grandfather-in-law
6 Tammuz June 21	Benjamin Kalifowitz	Eileen Cooper	Grandfather
8 Tammuz June 23	Miriam Cooper	Marvin Cooper	Mother
9 Tammuz June 24	Lev Shoikhetbrod	Gretta Kovler	Father-in-law
10 Tammuz June 25	Heinz Moddel	Susan Finkelstein	Father
10 Tammuz June 25	Herb Sohn	Rita Eisenberg	Father
12 Tammuz June 27	Kenneth Zolotsky	Traci Frey	Father
14 Tammuz June 29	Gertrude Springer	Sandy Levy	Mother
15 Tammuz June 30	Zelda Cramer	Ana Cramer	Mother-in-law
15 Tammuz June 30	George Eisenberg	Martin Eisenberg	Father

\*Yahrzeits begin on the evening before the given date. If you need to say Kaddish for a Yahrzeit, please call the office two weeks before and we will try to assemble a Minyan, most often via Zoom. It would be helpful if you have a few family members or friends attend the services to ensure there is a Minyan. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Laurie Raps at 718-967-4975 or [sparl1012@aim.com](mailto:sparl1012@aim.com).

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*Please let our editor know your birthday (month & day are sufficient. We don't require the year unless you want to brag!). We love mentioning happy occasions. Also, send anniversaries, milestone events & warm wishes and prayers. Information can be emailed to [oceanview@si.rr.com](mailto:oceanview@si.rr.com).*

**And that's a wrap... Until our next edition... See you at the Synagogue...**

**With warmest regards,  
Yolanda**

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